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1. SUMMARY. THE NINETEENTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC)
PLENUM MET ON NOVEMBER 20 TO APPROVE A REPORT ON WORK
SINCE THE SIXTH PARTY CONGRESS IN DECEMBER 1971 AND EN-
DORSE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESS, SLATED TO
BEGIN DECEMBER 8. FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK PRESENTED THE
CC REPORT WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN APPROVED EARLIER BY THE
POLITBIURO. POLITBIURO MEMBER EDWARD BABIUCH REPORTED
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ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONGRESS AND OUTLINED ITS AGENDA.

END SUMMARY.

2. GIEREK SUMMED UP THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS DECLARING THAT POLAND HAS BECOME A COUNTRY OF DYNAMIC GROWTH AND INCREASED ECONOMIC CAPACITY, WITH IMPROVED SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN TOWN AND VILLAGE AND A HIGHER INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. HE NOTED THAT THE CC REPORT, TOGETHER WITH THE SEVENTH CONGRESS GUIDELINES, APPROVED AT THE PREVIOUS PLENUM (REFTEL), DESCRIBE PRESENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTLINE FUTURE TASKS TO MAKE THIS A DECADE OF UNPRECEDENTED DEVELOPMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE EXTENSIVE PRE-CONGRESS DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER DEMONSTRATE BROAD PARTY AND POPULAR SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING THE STRATEGY OF RAPID SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED IN THE GUIDELINES.

3. OBSERVING THAT THE GUIDELINES WILL BE THE BASIS OF HIS OWN REPORT TO THE CONGRESS, GIEREK SKETCHED WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE MAIN PLANKS OF THE PLATFORM HE WILL OFFER. GIEREK PROMISED, FIRST OF ALL, A PROGRAM TO BROADEN THE ENTIRE FOOD PRODUCTION COMPLEX TO ACHIEVE "TANGIBLE RESULTS" AND ALSO A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE MARKET SUPPLIES AND CONSUMPTION GENERALLY. HE NOTED THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PRICE POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS. HE ALSO PROMISED AN ANALYSIS OF THE HOUSING INDUSTRY.

4. IN THE IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE, GIEREK PROMISED AN ASSESSMENT LEADING TO THE FORMAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE CURRENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AS ONE OF BUILDING "A DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY," A MOVE THAT HE NOTED HAD BEEN "SIGNALLED" IN THE GUIDELINES. HE PROMISED GREATER IDEOLOGICAL "AGGRESSIVENESS" WHICH HE SAID IS "DICTATED" BY THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN SOCIALISM'S CONTINUING STRUGGLE WITH ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES AND "COLD-WAR" PROPONENTS. FINALLY, HE PROMISED A FOREIGN POLICY ASSESSMENT OUTLINING TASKS FOR THE PARTY AND STATE IN BOTH STRENGTHENING THE "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WITH THE USSR" AND IN IMPLEMENTING CSCE.

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5. BABIUCH DEVOTED MAJOR ATTENTION IN HIS PRESENTATION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PRE-CONGRESS DISCUSSIONS JUST COMPLETED. EMPHASIZING THE OPEN, SINCERE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND THEIR EXTENSIVE SCOPE, HE CLAIMED THAT THE PRE-CONGRESS "CAMPAIGN" DEMONSTRATED BROAD, "PATRIOTIC" SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PARTY PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP. HE PRAISED APPEARANCES BY GIEREK -- AND JAROSZEWICZ -- BEFORE VARIOUS SPECIAL IN-

TEREST GROUPS AND TERMED THE LEADERS' CLEAR ANALYSIS
AND FORCEFUL ARGUMENTATION TO BE "AN ESSENTIAL WEAPON"
IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RUMORS.

6. BABIUCH INDICATE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL LAST FIVE
DAYS (DECEMBER 8-12). HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BEGIN
IN THE AFTERNOON IN ORDER TO PERMIT DIRECT BROADCAST
DURING PRIME TIME OF GIEREK'S REPORT. THE SECOND DAY
WILL BE DEVOTED TO PLENARY DISCUSSION AND PREMIER
JAROSZEWICZ'S REPORT CONCERNING THE NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
THE THIRD DAY WILL SEE DISCUSSIONS IN 17 WORK GROUPS.
ALTHOUGH BABIUCH'S SPEECH, AS CARRIED IN TRYBUNA LUDU,
FAILED TO SPELL OUT THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHEDULE, A POR-
TION OF IT WILL PROBABLY BE RESERVED FOR SPEECHES BY FOR-
EIGN DIGNITARIES, REPORTEDLY TO INCLUDE CPSU GENERAL SEC-
RETARY BREZHNEV. BABIUCH MENTIONED THAT ALL FRATERNAL
COMMUNIST PARTIES WITH WHICH THE PZPR COOPERATES WERE IN-
VITED, ALONG WITH OBSERVERS FROM CERTAIN SOCIALIST PARTIES
AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

7 PROMISING BROAD PUBLICATION OF THE CONGRESS PROCEED-
INGS, BABIUCH CONCLUDED WITH AN APPEAL FOR AN "UNCOMPR-
MISING" STRUGGLE AGAINST RUMORS AND DEMAGOGUERY, AND
AGAINST ALL MANIFESTATIONS OF LACK OF SOCIAL DISCIPLINE AND
THRIFTLESSNESS. HE REMINDED PARTY MEMBERS THAT IT WAS
THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE A GOOD WORKING CLIMATE
FOR THE CONGRESS AND THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE
PARTY AND THE PEOPLE.

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